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CPSC, Makita U.S.A. Inc. Announce Recall of Angle Grinders

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Makita 7-inch Angle Grinder

Units: About 1,500

Distributor: Makita U.S.A. Inc., of La Mirada, Calif.

Hazard: The guards on some of these angle grinders will not fully cover a hubbed grinding wheel. As a result, if the hubbed grinding wheel comes apart during use, it could hit the user, possibly causing serious personal injury.

Incidents/Injuries: Makita has not received any reports of incidents or injury.

Description: The recall only involves Makita GA7011C 7-inch angle grinders. The grinder's model number and serial number are located on the silver nameplate which is located above the trigger switch. The last four digits of the serial numbers of the recalled grinders are in the following ranges:

1745 – 1748	1768 – 1778	1780 – 1784	1797 – 1808	1861 – 1872
1885 – 1892	1897 – 1900	1909 – 1912	1921 – 1924	1953 – 1956
1969 – 1972	1989 – 1992	2013 – 2016	2025 – 2028	2465 – 2468
2471 – 2472	2477 – 2484	2489 – 2496	2501 – 2508	2513 – 2520
2529 – 2540	2549 – 2560	2573 – 2576	3133 – 3137	3162 – 3169
3874	3590 – 3613			

The grinder's housing is blue and the name "Makita" appears in large white letters on the housing. No other Makita grinders are involved in the recall.

Sold at: Industrial suppliers and home centers from about July 2005 through September 2005 for about \$179.

Manufactured In: China

Remedy: Consumers with these angle grinders should stop using them with a hubbed grinding wheel immediately and contact Makita to arrange for a replacement of their guard free of charge. Known purchasers were sent direct mail notification of this recall.

Consumer Contact: For more information, call Makita toll-free at (866) 838-5008 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit their Web site at www.makitatools.com



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To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.